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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
H. Michael Wenz) Group Art Unit: 1637
Serial No.: 09/724,755) Examiner: J. Fredman
Filed: November 28, 2000))
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING COUPLED LIGATION) Attention: Box AF) *Expedited Procedure After Final*)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

AND AMPLIFICATION

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Applicant responds to the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2002 ("September Final Action"). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicant requests the following amendments. A \$588.00 check for the fees for seven extra independent claims is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 52 to 54, 71 to 86, and 115 to 119 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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